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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE AIRLINES HIJACK

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1. RICHARD L. BROWN, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT PHILIPPINE AIRLINES (PAL) AND AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, TELEPHONED CHARGE AT 5:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME APRIL 14 TO REQUEST URGENTLY USG ASSISTANCE (A) IN OBTAINING UP-TO-DATE SITUATION REPORTS CONCERNING PAL HIJACKED AIRCRAFT AT BENGHAZI AIRPORT, AND (B) IN WHATEVER GOOD OFFICES MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE WITH RESPECT TO CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIJACKED PAL AIRCRAFT AT BENGHAZI AIRPORT AND MOST ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS SITUATION OF PRINCIPAL AND VOLUNTEER HOSTAGE, PAL EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RAFAEL IGOA, A U.S. CITIZEN.

2. BROWN SAID THAT LAST REPORTS OBTAINABLE HERE ARE THAT PAL AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN ISOLATED ON BENGHAZI AIR FIELD, RE-FUELED WITH PERMISSION TO TAKE OFF, AND THAT THE LIBYAN

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AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE HIJACKERS UNDER

ANY CONDITIONS AND WILL NOT PROVIDE FURTHER FOOD OR WATER.

3. BROWN REPORTED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS PROTRACTED HIJACKING, PAL AND PRESUMABLY GOP AUTHORITIES AS WELL ARE TOTALLY OUT OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE AIRCRAFT. ACCORDINGLY, BROWN SAID PAL IS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS FOR ANY AND ALL CURRENT INFORMATION AND MOST PARTICULARLY WOULD APPRECIATE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH THE AIRCRAFT CAPTAIN.

4. BROWN APOLOGIZED FOR APPROACHING THE USG WITH THIS REQUEST NOTING THAT PAL HAD HERETOFORE SOUGHT TO AVOID ANY SUCH APPEAL, BUT NOW IS EXTREMELY CONCERNED AND WITHOUT OTHER RECOURSE AND WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF WHATEVER ASSISTANCE USG MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.

5. BROWN PROMPTLY CALLED AGAIN TO INQUIRE WHETHER PRESURE ON BEHALF OF U.S. CITIZEN IGOA MIGHT NOT BE APPLIED BY THE USG UPON THE LIBYAN AUTHORITIES TO ACCEPT THE HIJACKERS' SURRENDER BEFORE THEY ATTEMPTED ALL-OUT EXTREME MEASURES AGAINST THEIR HOSTAGES.

6. CHARGE PROMISED TO TRANSMIT BROWNS REQUEST SOONEST AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT WHATEVER THE USG WAS ABLE TO DO BY WAY OF SHARING SITREP INFORMATION WOULD DOUBTLESS BE DONE. BEYOND THAT, HOWEVER, THE CHARGE COULD OFFER NO RPT NO ASSURANCES.  
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